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BATTLESTAR GALACTICA

NO! THAT BLAST
DESTROYED THE
MEMORY MACHINE'S
CONTROLS! COMMANDER
ADAMA IS TRAPPED
INSIDE *FOREVER!*



There are those who believe life here began out there, far across the universe, with tribes of humans who may have been the forefathers of the Egyptians. Or the Toltecs. Or the Mayans. Some believe there may yet be brothers of man who even now fight to survive somewhere beyond the heavens!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **Battlestar GALACTICA**

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ALL THINGS PAST and PRESENT!

HE STILL REMEMBERS ONLY TOO WELL THAT DAY, SOME TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, AT THE COLONIAL FLEET ACADEMY ON CAPRICA...

DO YOU
YIELD,
BALTAR?

OUR PRACTICE SESSION
IS FAR FROM OVER, ADAMA!
I WILL NOT BOW TO YOU
NOW--

...OR
EVER!

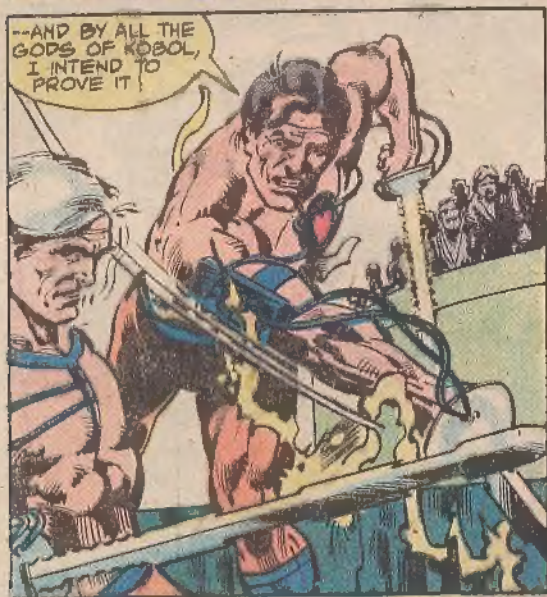
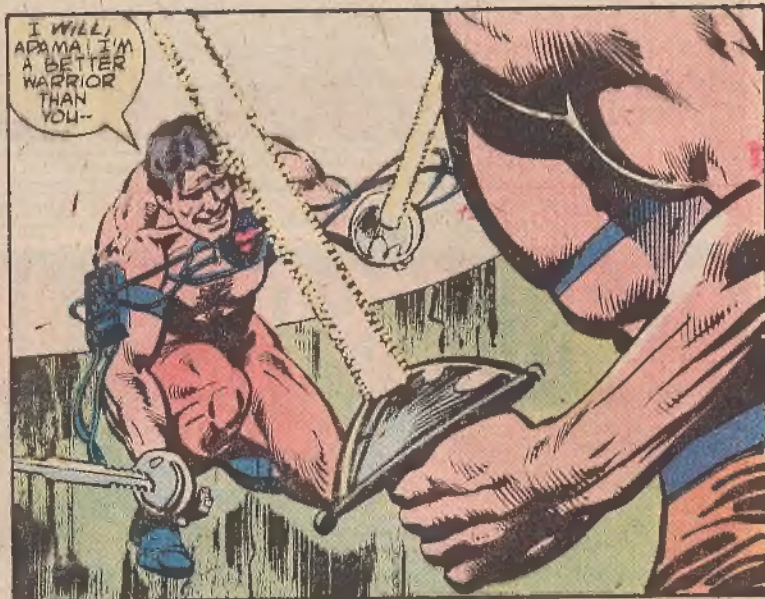
I'LL BET FIVE
CUBITS ON
ADAMA!

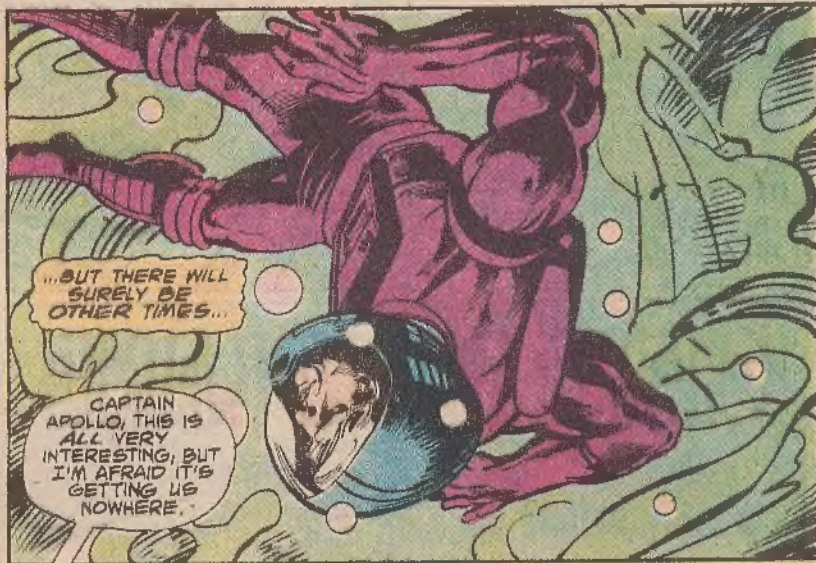
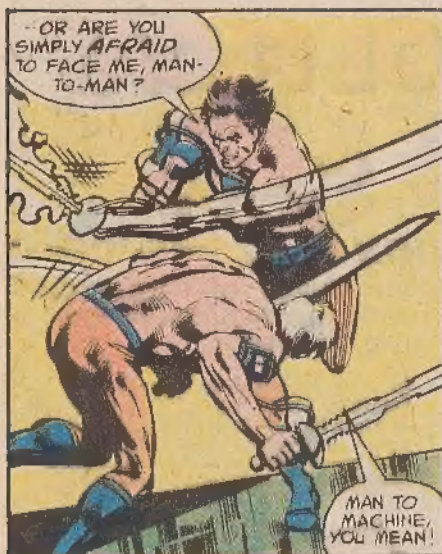
AND HE REMEMBERS
HOW THEIR BIO-SWORDS,
ATTUNED AND LINKED
TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL
NERVOUS SYSTEMS, CRACKLED
WITH A COMPUTERIZED
HALF-LIFE ALL THEIR OWN...
PARRYING AND THRUSTING
NEARLY FASTER THAN THE
EYE COULD FOLLOW.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY LATER
BALTAR WOULD TURN TRAITOR,
BETRAYING THE ENTIRE HUMAN
RACE TO THE CYLONS--

--BUT MOSTLY, COMMANDER ADAMA
REMEMBERS THAT, EVEN AS A CADET,
BALTAR WAS NOT A MAN TO BE
TRUSTED.

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-BUT, CAPTAIN, WE MUST FACE REALITY. IF ANYTHING SHOULD GO WRONG, ADAMA COULD BECOME TRAPPED IN HIS MEMORIES FOREVER.

IT WON'T, URI!

AND IF THAT HAPPENS...



OF COURSE NOT, MY BOY! OF COURSE NOT!

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, YOUR FATHER IS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE HANDS.



YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

AT YOUR COMMAND, MR. PRESIDENT. BUT WHAT ABOUT APOLLO?

HE WILL BE NO PROBLEM...

MEANWHILE, ON THE BRIDGE OF THE GALACTICA...



COLONEL, MASTER-TECH SHADRACK REPORTS THAT REPAIR WORK IS PROGRESSING AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED.

GOOD. THE SOONER EVERY SHIP IN THE FLEET CAN TRAVEL AT LIGHT-SPEED, THE SOONER WE CAN RISK LEAVING THIS INFERNAL VOID!

AND THE SOONER WE CAN DO THAT, THE BETTER I'LL LIKE IT! WE'VE ALREADY LOST TWO SHIPS IN THIS NAVIGATIONAL NIGHTMARE! *

*LAST ISSUE. --AL



IF THERE'S NOTHING ELSE, COLONEL, I'D LIKE TO SEE MY FATHER--

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, MY DEAR! ADAMA'S DOING SPLENDIDLY!



URI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WHY, ASSUMING COMMAND OF THE GALACTICA, AS IS MY RIGHT--

--AND MY DUTY...



TIGH, YOU CAN'T ALLOW THIS!

I SEEM TO HAVE LITTLE CHOICE, ATHENA...

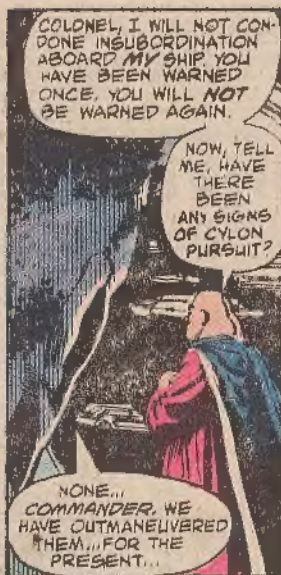
YOU HAVE NONE, COLONEL.



ONE MOMENT, COLONEL. I DON'T REMEMBER DISMISSING YOU!

YOU DIDN'T, URI, BUT I THOUGHT I'D BETTER CHECK THE AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM...

...THERE SEEMS TO BE A SMELL IN HERE...



COLONEL, I WILL NOT CONDONE INSUBORDINATION ABOARD MY SHIP. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED ONCE. YOU WILL NOT BE WARNED AGAIN.

NOW, TELL ME, HAVE THERE BEEN ANY SIGNS OF CYLON PURSUIT?

NONE... COMMANDER, WE HAVE OUTMANEUVERED THEM...FOR THE PRESENT...



IT IS THE FUTURE THAT CONCERNS ME, COLONEL. THE CYLONS ARE NOT FOOLS. GIVEN TIME, THEY WILL FIND US...EVEN IN THIS VOID!

THE LONGER WE DELAY HERE, THE GREATER OUR CHANCES OF BEING DISCOVERED.



I UNDERSTAND THAT, URI, BUT WE CANNOT PROCEED UNTIL WE HAVE COMPLETED REPAIRS ON THE FLEET'S SLOWER CRAFT.

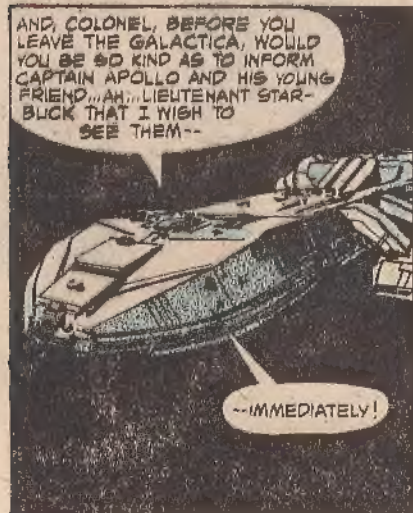
PRECISELY, COLONEL, AND WHILE I HAVE NO DESIRE TO COUNTERMAND ADAMA'S FINAL ORDERS AS FLEET COMMANDER, IT IS OBVIOUS I MUST DO SOMETHING!

THEREFORE, I'M PLACING YOU IN CHARGE OF THE REPAIR CREWS...EFFECTIVE AS OF NOW!



URI, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS--

I'M DEADLY SERIOUS, COLONEL. I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN YOU. I'M SURE THAT UNDER YOUR DIRECT SUPERVISION, WORK WILL PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!



AND, COLONEL, BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE GALACTICA, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO INFORM CAPTAIN APOLLO AND HIS YOUNG FRIEND...AH...LIEUTENANT STARBUCK THAT I WISH TO SEE THEM--

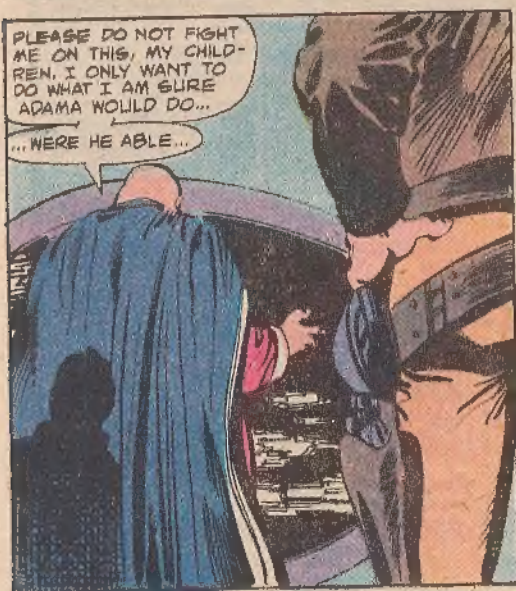
--IMMEDIATELY!



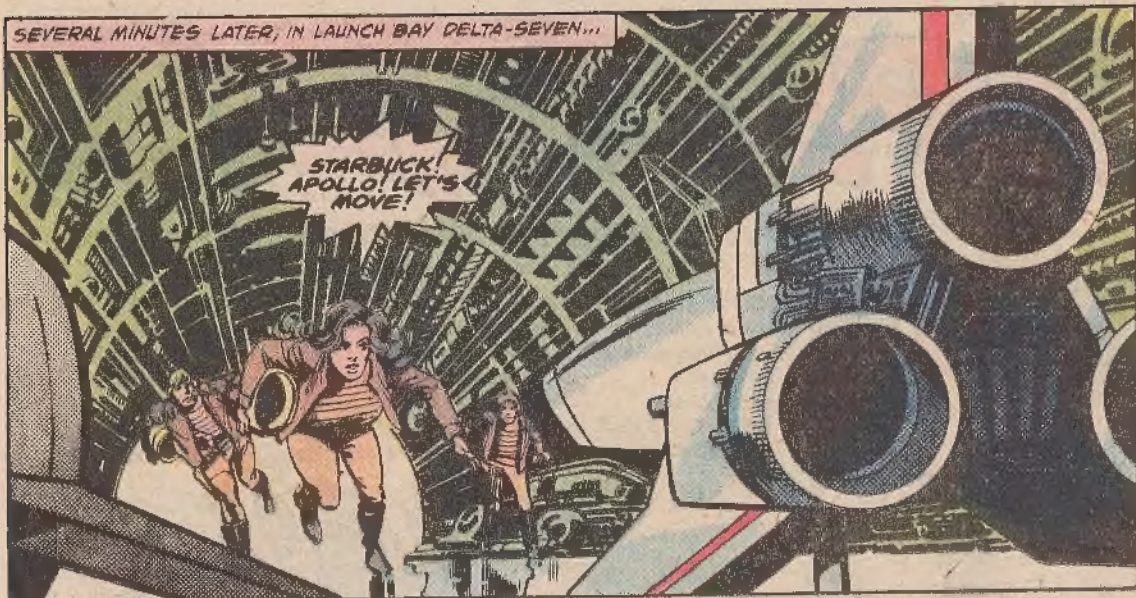
AND SO, A FEW MINUTES LATER...

AS YOU KNOW, SEVERAL OF OUR SISTER SHIPS HAVE DISAPPEARED. I WANT YOU THREE TO ORGANIZE A SEARCH PARTY AND FIND THEM.

WHY THE CHANGE OF HEART, URI? WORRYING ABOUT THE WELFARE OF OTHERS ISN'T EXACTLY YOUR STRONG SUIT.



SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, IN LAUNCH BAY DELTA-SEVEN...



YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

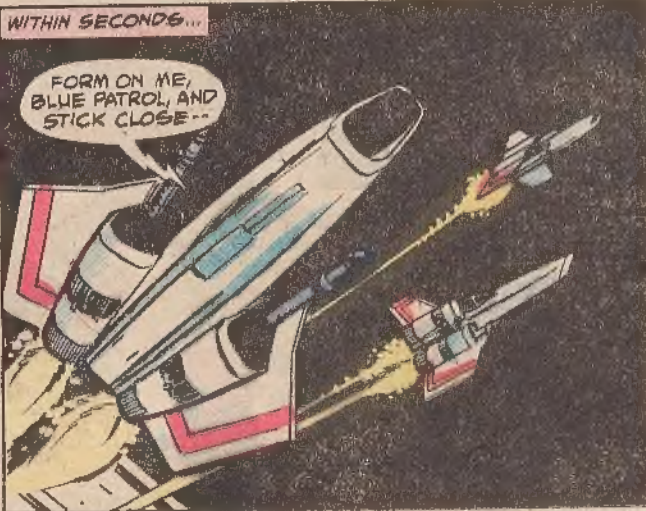
SURE THING, OLD BUD--

--UH... CAPTAIN!



WITHIN SECONDS...

FORM ON ME, BLUE PATROL, AND STICK CLOSE--



---THERE MAY BE TROUBLE!



NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE... RIGHT, CAPTAIN APOLLO?

THE VIPERS ARE LAUNCHED, LOVER!

EXCELLENT, MEDEA! EXCELLENT! BUT I'VE TOLD YOU, WHEN WE ARE ON THE BRIDGE, YOU ARE TO ADDRESS ME AS--



FELGECARB-- THERE'S SOME SORT OF DISTURBANCE... INTERNAL SECURITY IS CHECKING ON IT, NOW!



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IF I'M
WRONG
ABOUT THIS,
URI WILL
NAIL MY
HIDE TO
THE WALL!

HE'LL GET
BOOMER TOO
FOR SUBS-
TITUTING
FOR ME IN
THAT VIPER
PATROL.

BUT IF
I'M RIGHT,
FATHER'S
IN
TERRIBLE...



--DANGER!?

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH,
CAPTAIN! YOU'RE
UNDER ARREST--

--BY
ORDERS OF
COMMANDER
URI!



HALT!



WELL, I'M
NOT
WRONG...



...BUT THIS IS
ONE MIGHTY
ROUGH WAY TO
FIND THAT
OUT!



FATHER'S
HELPLESS SO
LONG AS HE'S
IN THE MEMORY
STIMULATOR! I'VE
GOT TO GET TO
HIM BEFORE...

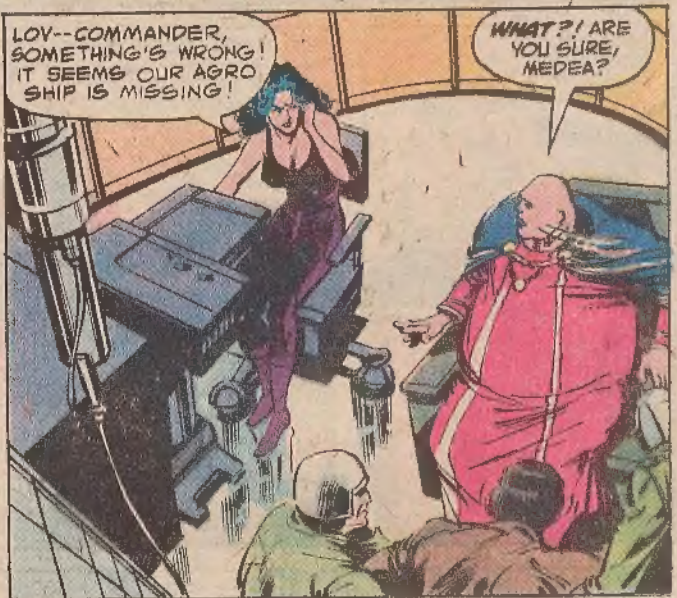


...UH,
OH...



KRAKK

LET'S
TAKE
HIM
TO SIRE
URI!



BUT IT WILL NOT WORK,
CAPTAIN. IF I CANNOT
TRUST MY OWN WARRIORS,
I WILL HAVE TO TAKE
MATTERS INTO MY
OWN HANDS!

MEDEA, INSTRUCT
THE FLEET TO REMAIN
HERE AND CONTINUE
REPAIRS. THE GALACTICA
WILL RETURN FOR THEM
ONCE WE HAVE AH...
FOUND THE MISSING SHIP!

THIS GOES
BEYOND
TREASON
APOLLO--

THIS IS OUTRIGHT MURDER AND--

URI, LISTEN TO ME!
THE AGROSHIP REALLY
IS GONE! IT SIMPLY
VANISHED WITHOUT A
TRACE--LIKE THE
OTHER TWO!

OF
COURSE
IT DI--

IT DIDN'T B-- BUT
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
I NEED THAT VESSEL
IN ORDER--

IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE REST OF
THE FLEET BEHIND, RIGHT, URI?
YOU PLANNED TO RENDEZVOUS
WITH THE "MISSING" SHIP LATER--

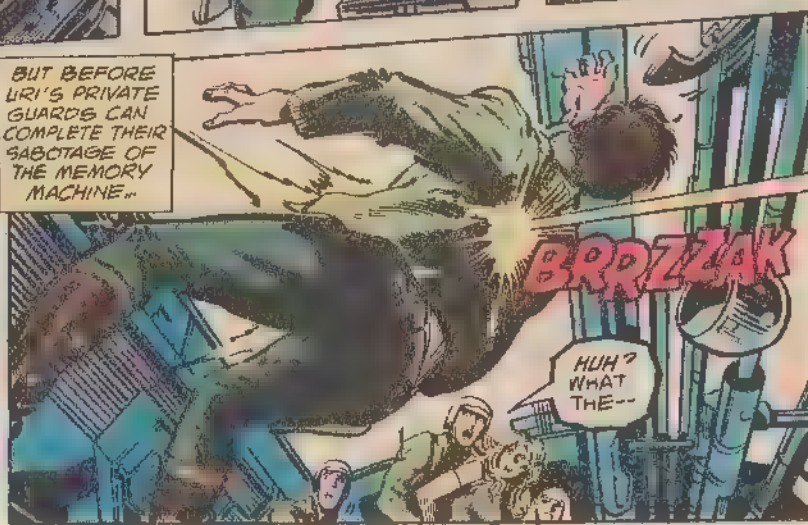
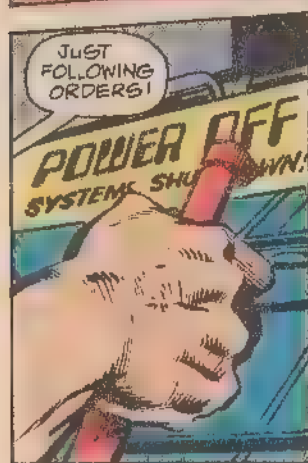
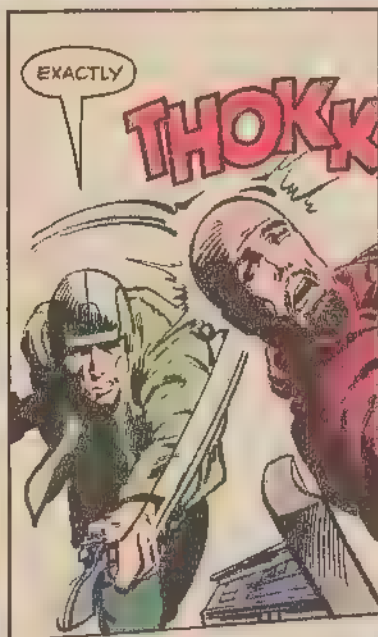
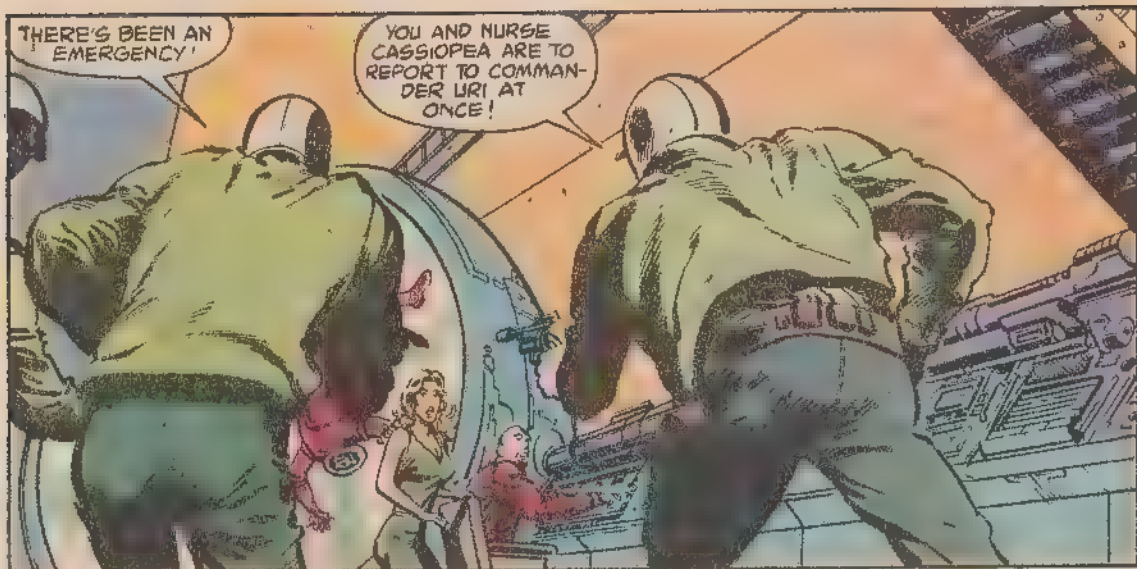
--JUST AS YOU
PROBABLY PLANNED
AN "UNFORTUNATE
ACCIDENT" FOR MY
FATHER! BUT SOME-
THING'S GONE WRONG,
HASN'T IT? SOMETHING
YOU DIDN'T PLAN ON!
YOU NEED MY FATHER
NOW, URI!

B-BY THE
GODS OF
KOBOL,
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?

FOLLOW ME,
CAPTAIN! AND
HURRY--

WE
HAVEN'T
MUCH
TIME!

DOCTOR
WILKER--!



I SUSPECTED URI WOULD TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS: HE SEEMED AWFULLY ANXIOUS TO GET RID OF ME! SO I WAITED AND I WATCHED--

--AND I WAS RIGHT! DROP YOUR WEAPONS, YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!

COLONEL TIGH!

B-BUT URI SAID HE'D BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!

OBSVIOUSLY HE WAS MISTAKEN! IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME!

ZZAP

BRAK

GET HIM! WE'RE IN THIS TOO FAR TO BACK OUT NOW!

WHEN I GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY, I PLEDGED MY LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF THIS FLEET--

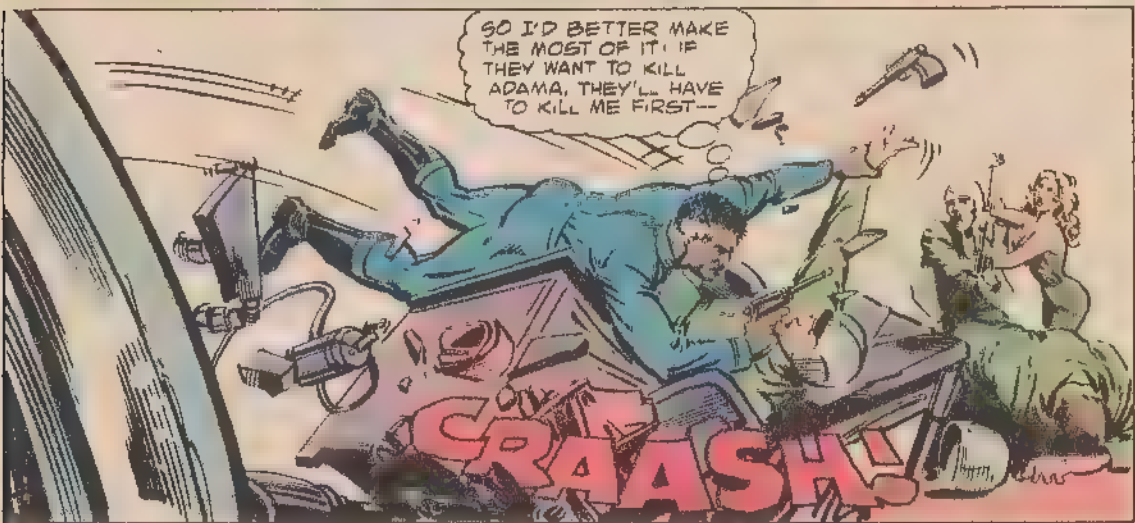
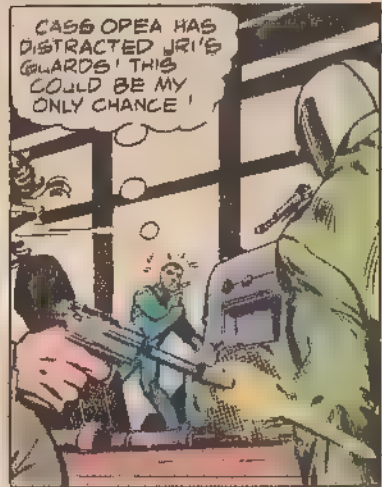
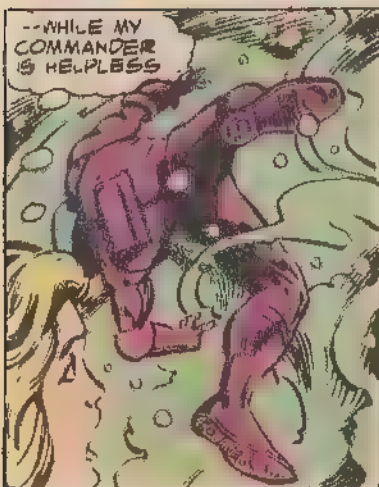
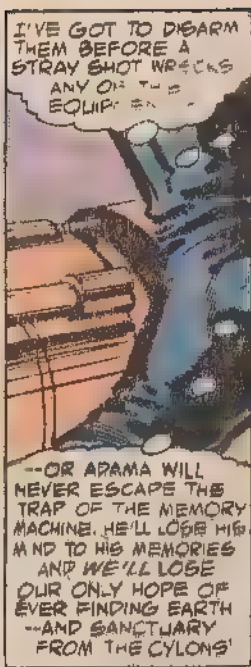
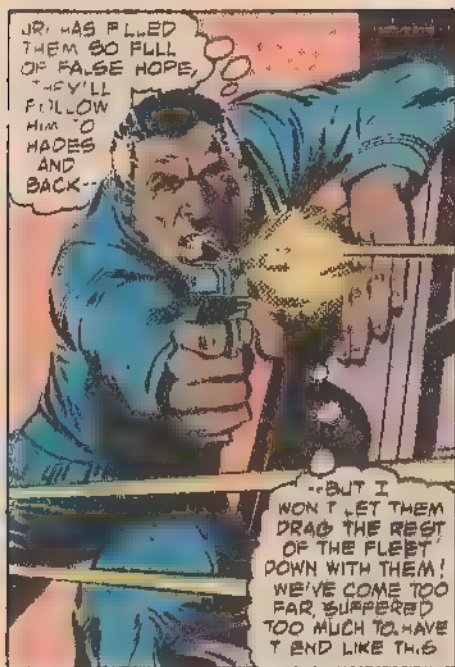
--AND I CAN THINK OF NO GREATER SERVICE THAN TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF MY COMMANDER!

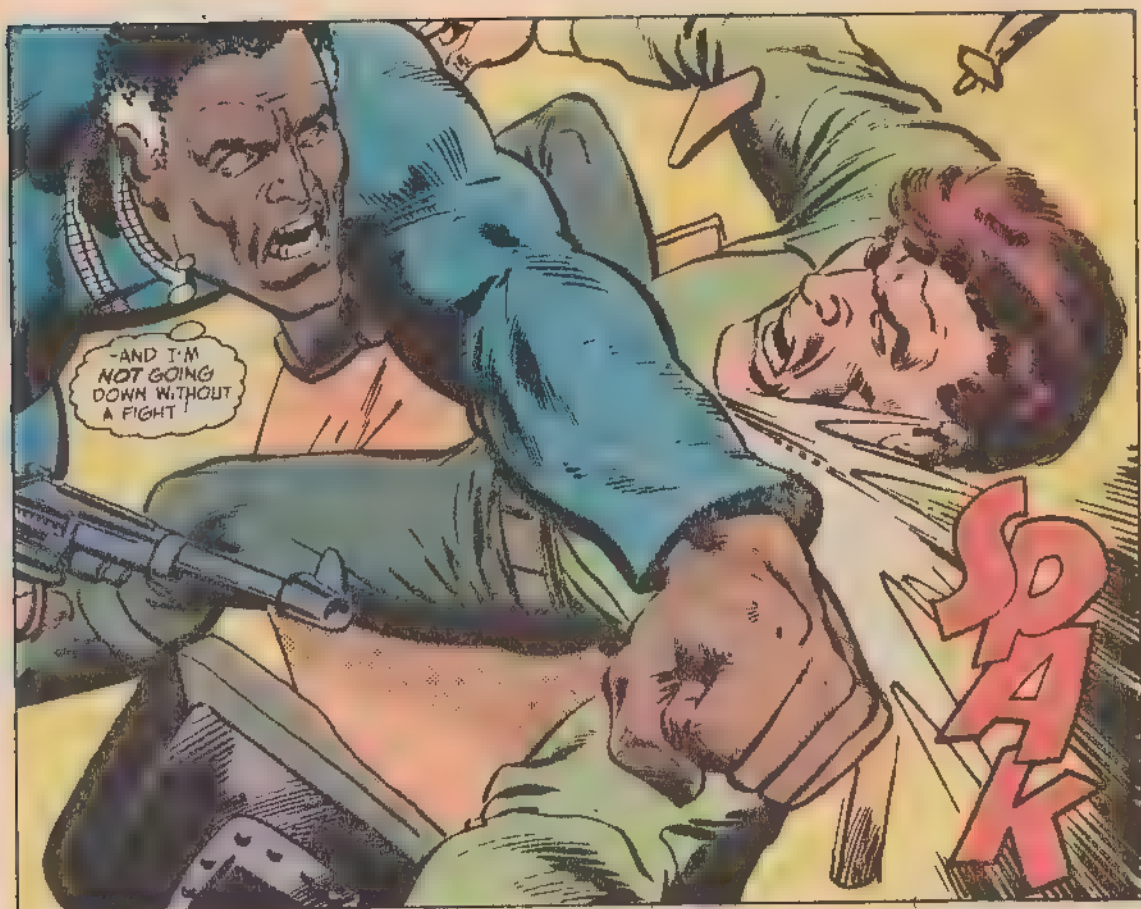
NO! ADAMA LED US INTO THIS!

IF HE HAS HIS WAY, WE'LL SPEND OUR LIVES WANDERING THE UNIVERSE IN SEARCH OF A MYTH

URI HAS PROMISED US A NEW BEGINNING-- AN END TO OUR DESPERATE FLIGHT! HE HAS GUARANTEED US PEACE AND WE BELIEVE HIM!

IT'S NO USE, THEY WON'T LISTEN TO REASON!



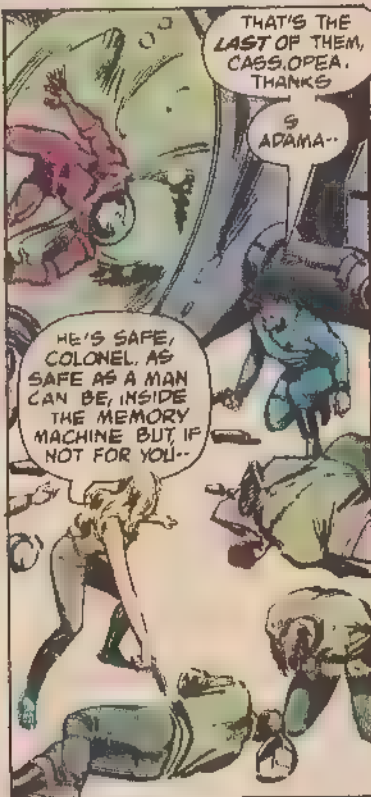


-AND I'M
NOT GOING
DOWN WITHOUT
A FIGHT!

SPAK



BEFORE I BECAME A
NURSE, I CURED MEN'S
ILLS AS A SOCIALATOR.
AND IF THERE'S ONE
THING I KNOW, IT'S HOW
TO TAKE CARE OF
MYSELF!



THAT'S THE
LAST OF THEM,
CASSIOPEA.
THANKS

S
ADAMA--

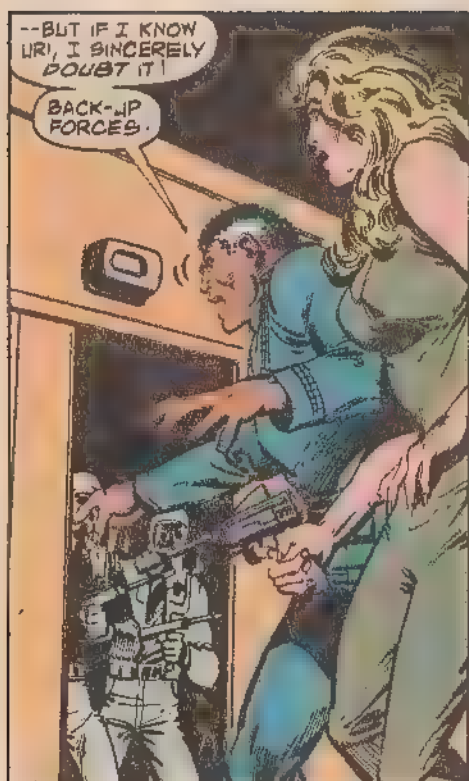
HE'S SAFE,
COLONEL. AS
SAFE AS A MAN
CAN BE, INSIDE
THE MEMORY
MACHINE BUT, IF
NOT FOR YOU--

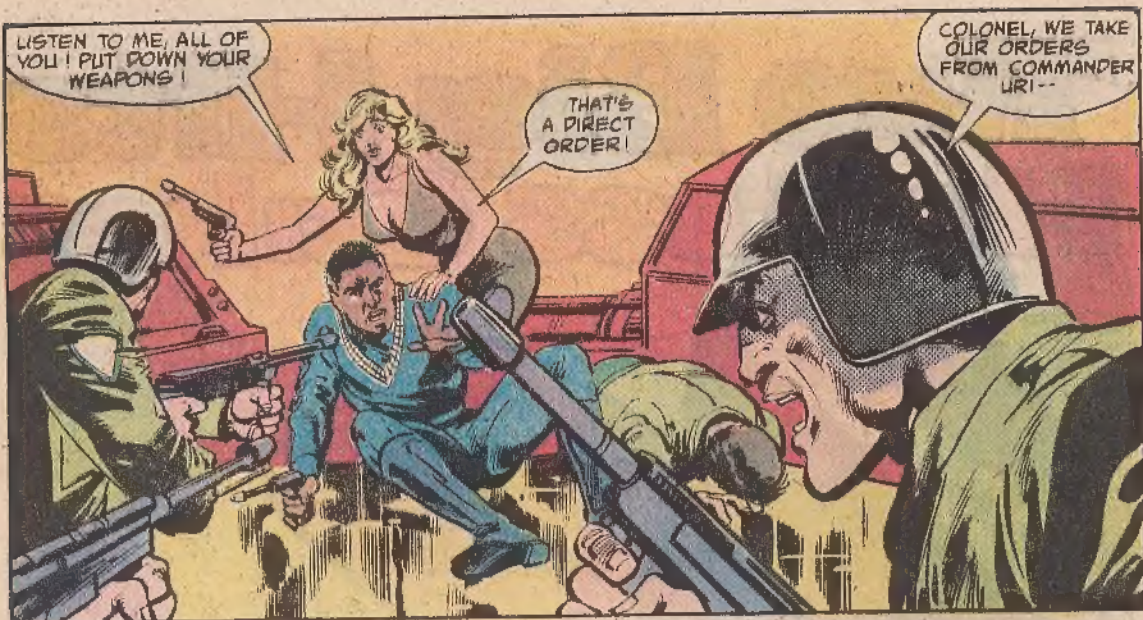


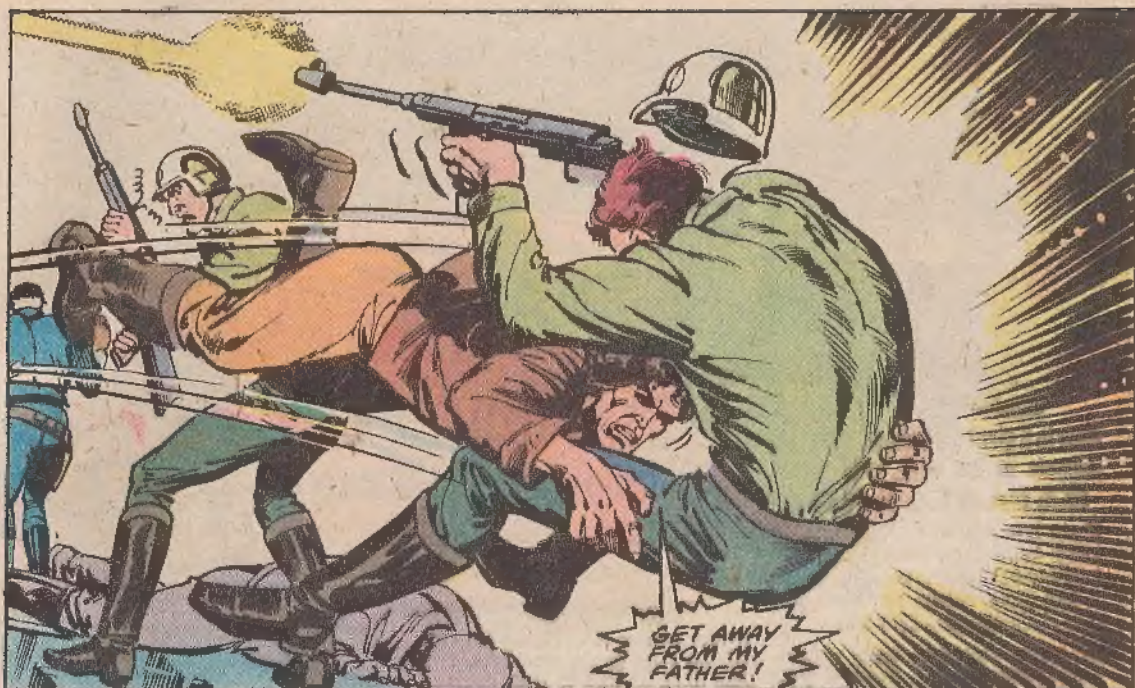
CASSIOPEA, LISTEN!
SOMEONE'S COMING!

MAYBE IT'S
BLUE SQUADRON!
MAYBE APOLLO
AND STARBUCK--

MAYBE--







BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Sorry! You'll have to wait till next ish to learn more about ODYSSEY, the latest and greatest illustrated mpg of our century! Why the wait? Simple. I don't want Marveldom Assembled to think I'm using this column, one of the most widely-read literary offerings in publishing, just for the purpose of huckstering new projects. We discussed ODYSSEY last month, so this time let's take a breather while we rap about another, totally different subject— If I can think of one!

Hey, I know! Let's yak about our television shows. A lot of valorous viewers have written to ask why we allow the various producers to change our favorite heroes when they're filmed for tv. Well, if it'll make you feel any better, we hate those changes as much as you do. The problem is, we've had to allow the changes—we weren't able to prevent them. You see, although I function as a "consultant", all I can do is butt in and give my opinions (which I do all the time!), but I can't force the producers or the networks to produce the shows the way you and I would want them to. Only the producer can make the final decisions, and Marvel has not yet been the producer.

But don't despair! The times they are a'changin'! We've decided that we'll no

longer allow anyone else to produce shows about our cavortin' little cast of characters! No sir! Not even if Aunt Petunia begs us to! From now on, anytime someone brings one of our stalwart swashbucklers to the little home screen, that someone will be Marvel! Yep, that's right! We're gonna produce, or co-produce any new Marvel shows ourselves!

I can almost hear some of you shouting, "But you guys aren't tv producers! Waddaya know about producing television shows?" Glad you asked, frantic one! Maybe we didn't know much about it before, but you can bet your final Hulk-out that we're mighty fast learners—and the next time a Marvel superhero makes it to the screen, he's gonna be depicted the way we created him, the way we popularized him, and the way we want the world to see him!

Now, if that's not enough to get a real sizzling argument going amongst the ribald ranks of Marvel, wait'll you see what we come up with later on! But till then, the whole batty bullpen wishes you a superabundance of laughs, luck, and love! Stay cool, hang loose, and tread easy—the best is yet to come!

Excelljort!

Stan

ITEM! First and foremost, *congratulations* to ace editor, Rakish Rick-Marschall and his beautiful wife Nancy on the arrival of brand new baby Heather Elizabeth! The whole Bullpen is bursting with best wishes for Heavenly Heather, and we're sure that now Marveldom Assembled shares our feelings. Incidentally, Sturdy Statman Stu Schwartzberg is offering five-to-one odds that Heather's first words are "Super Special." No takers so far.

ITEM! Speaking of Super Specials, elsewhere on this page we announce the long awaited *Weirdworld* Super Special that was mentioned in this column many moons ago. Back then, we planned for it to be absolutely breathtaking—a masterpiece. Lo, these many months,

we've been working on it, and as creative endeavors are wont to do, it has grown, developed, and changed. And we're proud to say, it's even *better* than we'd ever dared to hope! No words we say here can possibly do this work justice, so we simply want to thank Doug Moench, John Buscema, Rudy Nebres, Peter Ledger, Rick Marschall, Ralph Macchio and all the other folks, too numerous to mention, who contributed to this superlative effort. Thanks, guys!

ITEM! Several Bullpenners, including Stan the Man, were guests at the back-to-back Spring Creation Conventions held in New York and Philadelphia a few weeks back. Other notables present included John Buscema, John Romita, Gene Colan, George Perez, Jim

Shooter (who?) and bunches more! *Thousands* of fearless fans turned out to see our crazy crew and other guest pros, to buy and swap comics, and to hognob about the latest happenings. Our gracious hosts Adam Malin and Gary Berman did a great job, and a good time was had by all!

ITEM! *Great Moments in Comics Dep't*: A ton of things are transpiring this month that you ought not to miss. Hold on to your seats friends, and keep a box of Kleenex handy, because never before in the history of Marvel have so much triumph, tragedy and sheer drama been packed into a single month! We can hear the cynics out there saying "prove it!" Okay, guys, how's this for openers—in the gripping pages of *THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* #186, Peter Parker finds himself truly alone in the world for the first time. You dare not miss "Requiem: May Parker." Tragedy doesn't stop there, either, as in *CAPTAIN AMERICA* #237, Steve Rogers must face the irrevocable fact of Sharen Carter's death. This may well be one of the most powerful, poignant scenes ever depicted



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